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Respectfully submitted,

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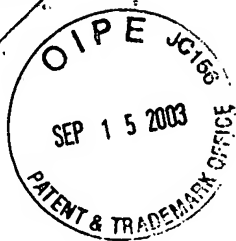
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SLACK MANAGER FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLES AND METHOD  
OF MANAGING SLACK IN SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:  
Amended Claim Set; and  
Remarks.

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